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From purely military point of view I do not believe missions are accomplishing a great deal. However, it is my feeling that so long as government pays its share of expenses and missions are not embarrassed, missions should continue to remain. Army is anti-Communist and day may not be too far off when we will need friends where it will count. Any move which would give military feeling that US has closed door tight to future help might tend to drive military into opposing camp.

Replied to Burrows letter November 17. I do not wish to make final recommendation until I have had talks with the President. Up until yesterday we have hesitated to request appointment because government is on defensive. I have psychological advantage of being new and government feels I have come to Guatemala to use the big stick. We have been letting them stew. Will meet with Arbenz soon and give full report along with recommendations.

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